

What does it mean to be best of best?

By Col. Doug Richardson
48th Fighter Wing commander

Saturday evening, I was fortunate enough to have the honor of presenting the Liberty Wing's annual awards for best airman, NCO, first sergeant, senior NCO and company grade officer. Let's consider for a moment just how spectacular these achievement are.

To win top honors as the Liberty Wing's

best for 1996 means a person competes against the finest the Air Force has to offer. That's no small feat! Day in and day out, our people get the mission done despite long days, deployments, exercises and numerous operational commitments.

Everyday the best in the 48th rise to the challenge and keep our aircraft flying, our troops fed and our families well taken care of. In the company of the elite, it takes a special person to rise above their peers and be the best of the best.

In 1996, the Liberty Wing's best were SrA. Stephen Bridges, TSgt. Donnie Hagan, SMSgt. Thomas Puzzo, SMSgt. William Thompson, and Capt. Kim Schmidt. As a group, they are a snapshot of the excellence within this fighter wing.

The challenges of a combat fighter wing are enormous. The commitment and sacrifice demanded for service to our nation and her allies is tough at times.

But the victory we share in honoring the Liberty Wing's best reminds us all of who we are and what we stand for. The men and women we honor for this prestigious distinction hold the torch of the Liberty Wing high, for all others to see. They are leaders, but more importantly, they are members of the world's greatest team — the 48th Fighter Wing. To the annual award winners, I and the rest of the 48th salute you.

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The Liberty Wing's annual award winners: (from left) SrA. Stephen Bridges, Airman of the Year; TSgt. Donnie Hagan, NCO of the Year; SMSgt. Thomas Puzzo, Senior NCO of the Year; SMSgt. William Thompson, First Sergeant of the Year and Capt. Kim Schmidt, Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Don't play runway roulette

By SSgt. Samuel Durso
Control tower watch supervisor

RAF Lakenheath has experienced several runway intrusions during the past year, mostly due to people not being aware of the rules that govern flightline driving or being unfamiliar with the layout of the airfield.

To enter the runway or the area within 150 feet of the runway, known as the controlled movement area, people must first establish radio contact with the control tower and get permission. Failure to contact the tower jeopardizes the safety of the flying community.

Unit vehicle-control managers are responsible for ensuring all people assigned to their units receive proper flightline driving training. Training includes a daytime and nighttime tour of the airfield.

Rules governing flightline driving are outlined in RAF Lakenheath Instruction 24-301 and must be adhered to at all times when

operating a vehicle on the flightline. First-time offenders will lose their flightline driving privileges for 30 days.

During this time, that individual will not be able to operate any vehicle on the flightline and will be counseled by the vice wing commander. The squadron commander, supervisor, and flightline vehicle-control manager will be expected to explain why the violation occurred and what will be done to ensure it doesn't happen again. Second-time offenders will lose their flightline driving privileges for the remainder of their tour here.

The instruction says that people who have a need to enter the controlled movement area must first obtain permission from the airfield management chief or designated representative.

If approval is given, they must then establish two-way radio contact with the air traffic control tower for permission to proceed prior to entering the control movement area.

For more information on flightline driving, call airfield management at Ext. 3573.

Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct link to me for complaints, suggestions or comments. It's not intended to replace the chain of command. When normal command and agency channels haven't been able to resolve your concerns, call Ext. 2324, fax (Ext. 5367), e-mail (Action_Line), distribution (48 FW/PA), mail (48 FW/PA, Unit 5210 Box 215 APO AE 09464-0215), or hand carry your Action Line to the public affairs office (Bldg. 1085). You may remain anonymous; however, to receive a reply, leave your name, unit, duty or home phone number and full APO mailing address. Names will be kept confidential.



48th Fighter Wing commander

Several base agencies have customer hotlines and helplines to serve their customers.

- ☐ 48th Contracting Squadron: Ext. 7186.
- ☐ 48th Supply Squadron: Ext. 3240, ask for TSgt. Frankie Harris.
- ☐ 48th Medical Group: patient advocate Ext. 2840.
- ☐ 48th Comptroller Flight: on electronic mail, type "finance" or call Ext. 1851.
- ☐ 48th Civil Engineer Squadron: Ext. 5546.
- ☐ 48th Communications Squadron: Ext. 4979.
- ☐ 48th Security Police Squadron: Ext. 1412, ask for CMSgt. Dan Stover.
- ☐ 48th Services Squadron: Ext. 1787.
- ☐ Sexual harassment: 1-800-558-1404. This is not a free call from the United Kingdom.



Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

Fifth-grade students eat their lunch in the new cafeteria.

Cafeteria open for base campus

By SSgt. Steve Ball
Public affairs

Cafeteria workers began serving hot lunches to fourth- and fifth-grade base campus students Tuesday in their new cafeteria.

This marks the completion of the facility construction project that began last year.

"Now the students can eat nutritious hot lunches where there's enough space to socialize with their friends," said Marsha Shearer, Lakenheath elementary school principal and base campus administrator. "Since August, the students have been eating sack lunches at tables in a hallway waiting for this cafeteria to open."

It's the Army and Air Force Exchange Service that actually runs the cafeteria, provides the lunches and sets the prices. Lunches are \$1.95 and milk is 50 cents.

"We are subsidized by (U.S. Department of Agriculture), and they provide us guidelines about what to serve and how much the students get," said Dale Linebarger, AAFES general manager. "On top of food costs, we work in salaries of cafeteria workers and from that, set a price so that we break even. Most school cafeteria pro-

grams actually lose money for AAFES."

Menu items planned for the cafeteria include: ravioli, Philly-cheese-steak sandwiches, Swedish meatballs, chicken fajitas, chicken nuggets, hamburgers, beef-and-bean burritos, chicken sandwiches, chili dogs and more, according to Cherry Taylor, AAFES U.K. schools feeding manager.

"The students also get fruits, vegetables and milk with each meal," said Taylor. "Parents should receive menus through the school."

Students were given the opportunity to choose their lunch for their first day in the cafeteria and the overwhelming decision was pizza, according to Shearer. Also on the menu were salad, peaches, corn, peas and cake.

"I really liked the cake," said Omar Powell, a fifth-grade student. "But I'm sure they won't have it every day. They're only having it because today's our first day in (the cafeteria)."

"The lunch is really delicious," said Michael Wright, another fifth-grade student. "Except for the peas and salad. The salad would be better if they gave us dressing to put on it."

Saying "no" to the peas was a pretty popular decision, as most of the trays returned for washing still had a lot of green on them. One student, Shane Swanson, said he liked them, but the looks on his friends' faces at his table proved it was not the popular stand.

The facility is also the campus gymnasium.

"We haven't had a chance to use it (as a gymnasium) yet, but I already see that there're no hoops, so I guess we won't be playing basketball," said Andre Warfield, a fifth-grade student.

"There will be organized sports for the students in the gymnasium including floor hockey, basketball (with portable basketball hoops) and volleyball," said Shearer. "We are also working to get basketball hoops installed on the asphalt area near the tennis courts."

OHA surveys mailed to American military in U.K.

Within the last month, more than 4,000 overseas housing allowance surveys were mailed to military members residing off-base in the United Kingdom.

In these surveys, members were asked to report costs incurred in maintaining their off-base residences.

The importance of the surveys can't be stressed enough because they directly impact the utility/maintenance allowance, said Maj. Diane McDaniels, 48th Fighter Wing comptroller. All expenses are reportable.

"If you purchase bottled water or bottled gas for supplemental heating, report it," she said. "Even the costs of minor maintenance should be reported."

Surveys should be completed as rapidly and accurately as possible and returned in the enclosed envelope.



COLA, OHA to drop in end-of-month paychecks

Military members assigned to the United Kingdom will see a sharp decrease in their end-of-month February pay due to a significant drop in the cost of living allowance exchange rate.

The rate, which was \$1.77 = £1 Jan. 1, fell to \$1.72 Feb. 1. It fell again to \$1.61 Feb. 16. Rates are set by the Congressional Per Diem Committee. The change is based on a strong showing of the dollar against the pound.

In addition, members residing off-base will see a drop in their overseas housing allowance due to the change in exchange rates.

However, the OHA drop is not as severe because it was offset by an increase in the utility/maintenance allowance from £114 to £130 a month. The increase in the allowance was in response to the OHA surveys completed six months ago, according to Maj. Diane McDaniels, 48th Fighter Wing comptroller.

"If the utility/maintenance allowance had not been increased, members with dependents would have lost an additional \$33 monthly," she said.

As the largest portion in the rate

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Free, reduced-price lunches

Free and reduced-price lunches are available for students. For example: a family of three with a total monthly family income of \$1,618 or less qualifies for free lunches. If the same family has a total monthly income of \$2,302 or less, the student qualifies for reduced-price lunches. Parents who feel they may qualify for free or reduced-price lunches can call MSgt. James Hall in the liaison schools office at Ext. 5077.

Tax center answers common questions

The base tax center has assisted more than 1,000 customers so far this tax season. The following information answers the most common questions Liberty Wing members are asking.

❑ This year, the **Foreign Earned Income, Form 2555**, can be electronically filed. Form 2555 EZ can speed up the process. Remember, any income earned outside of the United States must be claimed on your Federal Income Tax Return using one of these forms.

❑ **U.S. spouses who work on the British economy** and pay British tax will not be taxed again by U.S. tax authorities. They must fill in the U.S. Tax Form 2555 or 2555 EZ, Foreign Earned Income, but will not be taxed again on the same income.

❑ **Spouses who work as child-care providers** in their own home are regarded as self-employed by the British Inland Revenue Office. Although they may not earn enough to have to pay income tax, they should still register with the local tax office. The personal allowance which can be earned before taxes is £3,765. That will go up to £4,045 April 5. Remember that the British tax year is from April to April of the following year. The local tax office address is Inland Revenue, Dereham District, Revenue Building, 24 Church Road, East Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1DP. Their telephone number is (01362) 655200. People should write or call that office for clarification of British tax rules.

❑ **People who wish to file returns electronically** should bring the following documents and information to the tax center: W-2s; 1099s; bank routing numbers and account numbers; and the Social Security numbers or individual taxpayer identification numbers for all people being claimed as exemptions.

❑ **If claiming child-care expenses**, people must have the Social Security number or employer identification number of the child-care provider.

❑ **People filing electronically as married** must be present to sign all applicable forms.

❑ As military members overseas, there is an **automatic extension to file** a federal tax



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Tax center volunteers, Shelly Hoxie and 1st Lt. Eric Hoxie, 48th Security Police Squadron, take part in an IRS training class.

return. If a refund is expected, the return does not have to be post marked until June 15. If a payment must accompany the return, the extension of June 15 is the same, except penalties and interest begin to accrue April 15.

❑ Income tax returns must have a **Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number** for every person listed as an exemption, deduction or credit on any form or schedule. The only exception is a child born in December. In this case, the Social Security number is not required but people must note this on the form. In this case, the form can't be filed electronically. The tax center assists people with the return. People who use British child-care providers can't file electronically because they normally don't have Social Security numbers or individual taxpayer identification numbers.

❑ People must have an **individual taxpayer identification number** before filing Federal Income Tax Returns if they intend to claim anyone as an exemption, deduction or credit that do not have a Social Security number. In order to obtain this number, people must file a W-7

form. This process requires two identification documents that reflect the person's signature, photograph and connection to the American citizen or military member. Some of the documents that may be used are a passport, military identification card, birth certificate or marriage certificate. The forms may be obtained between 1 and 4 p.m. Mondays - Thursday at the legal office, Bldg. 1082.

❑ **Appointments at the tax center** are taken up to two weeks in advance. Walk-ins are welcome for 1040EZ and 1040A. People should arrive at the center before 3 p.m.

❑ To qualify for the **Earned Income Credit**, people must have lived in the United States during the 1996 tax year and be an active-duty military member applying for the credit.

❑ **Box 13 on military members' W-2** form should have a Q and a dollar amount. This amount is automatically calculated by Finance and it pertains to Basic Allowance for Subsistence, Basic Allowance for Quarters and combat pay.

For more information, call TSgt. Debra Gallegos or Diane Butler at Ext. 1805.

COLA

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change was effective Feb. 16, members can expect to see an additional reduction in OHA in March. The March reduction, however, will be spread over two pay periods. COLA will appear unaffected due to March having 31 days vs. the 28 in February.

Not related to the rate change but affecting all enlisted members, basic allowance for subsistence will drop by \$22 in February due to BAS being paid on a daily basis and February having three less days than January.

Examples of COLA and OHA rate reductions

	COLA	OHA	February Total	March OHA
E-3 with 3 years and 1 dependent	-\$76.00	-\$24.50	-\$100.50	-\$28.50
E-5 with 6 years and 3 dependents	-\$96.98	-\$24.50	-\$121.48	-\$26.50
O-3 with 6 years and 0 dependents	-\$107.52	-\$45.75	-\$153.27	-\$36.25
O-4 with 12 years and 3 dependents	-\$158.15	-\$54.00	-\$212.15	-\$45.00

Examples are based on maximum rental rates in effect on Feb. 1. Remember: if the utility/maintenance allowance was not increased, OHA would have been reduced an additional \$33 for members with dependents and \$24.75 for members without.

Compliance inspection is Tuesday - Thursday

A mock Conventional Armed Forces in Europe compliance inspection will take place Tuesday - Thursday here. The Department of Defense On Site Inspection Agency will act as a Warsaw Pact inspectors.

"The Conventional Armed Forces in Europe treaty involves more than 30 countries," said Mike Nolan, 48th Fighter Wing treaty compliance officer. "All conventional armament and equipment subject to the treaty at RAF Lakenheath is subject to yearly data exchange to, and short notice compliance inspection from, the nations of the former Warsaw Pact."

During a compliance inspection, the inspectors are permitted to inspect facilities and containers that meet the "two-meter rule." The two-meter rule says that doors two meters wide or greater and any containers two meters or larger on three sides can be visually inspected. Inspections in a facility can continue until a door or hallway becomes less than two-meters wide. The inspection must stop there.

"An arms control inspection is a highly visible event that helps to establish trust between two nations," Nolan said. "Success requires a base-wide effort. The keys to success are professionalism and keeping inspectable facilities opened and unlocked to maintain that trust."

For more information, call Ext. 5635.

Change of command slated

The 48th Medical Support Squadron change of command is at 4 p.m. Thursday in the officers' club ballroom. For more information, call 1st Lt. Susan Pietrikowski at Ext. 5908.



Operations safety review exercise slated

The next 48th Fighter Wing evaluation is the Operations Safety Review, which takes place April 28 - May 2.

The safety review is a study designed to examine all aspects of the wing's surety program to determine if it meets Department of Defense system safety standards.

To prepare for the review, a working group has been established to make sure all evaluated processes are ready. Their next meeting is at 1 p.m. Thursday in the large wing conference room.

The Local Surety Inspection 97-01 report will be out to wing members next week. All affected agencies will receive a copy of the report

though the base information transfer system.

For more information, call wing readiness at Ext. 3509.

No excuses for breaking law

There have been numerous complaints about people parking in non-designated areas in Lakenheath Village, according to crime prevention specialists here. Problems arise particularly when people park on public footpaths or block private driveways.

"This parking problem is being monitored closely," said SrA. Regina Wilson, crime prevention manager. "Violators will be issued £20 citations."

For more information, call Ext. 1424.

Air Force plans Computer Security Day Feb. 28

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — In an effort geared toward ensuring information superiority, promoting computer security practices and preventing abuse of computer systems, Air Force will hold a service-wide Computer Security Day Feb. 28.

The effort, directed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, is the first and most comprehensive Air Force initiative of this type.

Awareness and training are two key elements of Computer Security Day, said Air Force information protection officials. They also emphasized that incorporating computer security into daily operations is based in part on simple common sense.

For example, on Computer Security Day all Air Force people will be directed to change their computer passwords and learn the rules for selecting them.

Other required actions for the Air Force on Computer Security Day include:

☐ Taking the Air Force safeware computer security orientation course.

☐ Conducting unit and work center training on computer security and tailor the training to systems used daily.

☐ Ensuring everyone understands the rules that govern the proper use of government computers and networks. This includes spreading the word for everyone to avoid Internet sites not related to official business; and that improper on-line activity could lead to disciplinary action.

☐ Running antivirus software on all hard drives, diskettes and other storage devices.

Additionally, the Air Force Communications Agency, based at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., will provide computer security information and training materials on the Air Force home page on the World Wide Web.

Some other initiatives suggested by officials are:

☐ Place computer security messages on all computers.

☐ Implement computer security-related commander's calls.

For more information, call SSgt. Harold Morrow at Ext. 2755.

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by A1C Grace Hunt

SrA. Matthew Carter

48th Component Repair Squadron

Hometown: Asheville, N.C.

Time in service: About six years.

Time on station: One year.

Role in mission: I am an F-15 intermediate avionics technician. I work on the aircraft radar system.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I see myself as a master sergeant in charge of my own shop. Being a senior master sergeant would be nice.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would have some of the slot machines in the Liberty Club removed to create more room. I would also have the club provide a better atmosphere with a variety of music to attract more people and create a more social atmosphere.

What is your greatest achievement? Being on the Marine Corps JROTC high school drill team and participating in various drill routines which we won every time. We were the National Drill Team champions in 1989-90.

Who are your role models and why? My parents are my role models because they taught me that you have to work hard to achieve your goals. Even if there are obstacles in the way, they can be overcome.

What do you like best about the Air Force? The opportunity to travel and the many different people I get to work with.

Opportunities for spouses are numerous

By Linda Laws
Community relations advisor

So you have just arrived. Things are very different. Your spouse is working long hours, and you are not sure just how to go about finding out what's what and where things are in this new country.

Let me try to help.

There are certainly many opportunities to get involved with community organisations. Whether it's further education, volunteering, working or making the most of the opportunity not to work for a while, there are things out there to do.

Newspapers

One of the most useful sources of information you can tap into in the community are local newspapers, particularly if you are living off-base. In addition to all the local news, they provide information on what's going on in the area, details of job opportunities and a details of rented properties.

Ones to look for are "The East Anglian Daily Times" and "Eastern Daily Press" covering the whole of East Anglia; "The Bury Free Press," "Newmarket Journal," "Thetford and Watton Times" covering their own specific areas, as the titles suggest.

Quality national papers include "The Times," "The Daily Telegraph" and "The Independent" and any one of these is a good way to find out what the current issues are. Also, over the weekends they produce papers with many sections to cover news, reviews, travel, finance and the arts (all the current London and many provincial shows, new cinema releases and book reviews).

Newspapers can be bought from shops called "newsagents" and they can be found in villages – sometimes part of the local store – and towns, as well as cities. Some offer a newspaper delivery service to your home for a small charge. There are also a couple of large national newsagent chain stores – W. H. Smith and John Menzies.



For more information about living in Britain, call me at Ext. 3145.

Learning opportunities

Adult education can be undertaken as a series of short courses, one-day seminars or weekend seminars, or on a full-time basis. Many universities have links with smaller colleges in the area for certain learning programmes – and for distance learning.

If you don't want to pursue a purely academic course, many of the local learning institutions offer courses on a variety of subjects – a great way to learn a new skill you always wanted to do but couldn't because of work commitments. A college year is from September (October for universities) to June or July. It consists of three terms (semesters). Prospectuses are distributed around August each year for classes starting in September. Local newspapers always carry details.

Local councils

Another good source of information are councils. Our immediate local council area is Forest Heath. The council is called the Forest Heath District Council. The areas covered include Newmarket, Brandon, Lakenheath and Mildenhall. Councils adjoining Forest Heath include South Norfolk Council, St. Edmundsbury Borough Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Official guides are produced by councils and give good information about their local area and the services provided by the council and usually include town maps. Some handy numbers: Forest Heath District Council – Tel: (01638) 719000; South Norfolk Council – Tel: (01508) 533633; East Cambridgeshire District Council – Tel: (01353) 665555.

Working in the community

If there are no restrictions in your passport, you will be able to compete for jobs on the economy alongside other candidates. Many spouses do work on the British economy.

Newspapers, as mentioned before, are a good way to find out about job opportunities. There are also recruitment agencies to help place you in the right organisation – some specialise in particular job areas while others are generalist agencies.



Photo by A1C Grace Hunt

David Bassey, family support center career counselor, guides someone in making a career decision.

We also have "Jobcentres" to help people find employment. It is a government agency and local employers use them to place vacancies (newspapers are not always the only source to advertise jobs). The local Jobcentres are based in Mildenhall and Newmarket.

Note: The Family Support Centre provides assistance in preparing your curriculum vitae for the British job market, and can give hints on ways in which to present yourself at interviews. Call them at Ext.3847.

Volunteering

Volunteering is an excellent way in which to get to know your British neighbours. British libraries have details of all voluntary organisations in their local area. A visit to your local community library should be a first step to decide which organisation you would like to help.

There are many to choose from and all areas are covered – caring organisations for old people, young people, environmental groups, animal sanctuaries etc.

To give you some idea here are a few names: The Wildlife Trusts (most counties have one, so look for Norfolk-Suffolk or Cambridgeshire), Victim Support (an organisation working closely with the police and which helps victims of crime), The Samaritans (who give help to the suicidal, lonely and despairing). Some town centres have charity shops who are often looking for volunteers to man them.



Airman of the Year

SrA. Stephen Bridges

48th Component Repair Squadron

Role in mission: "I am a sensor systems team leader. I maintain and instruct others about maintaining the low altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night system, targeting and navigational equipment and bomb guidance systems. I help keep mission-capable rates above 90 percent, 15 percent above the Air Force rate."

Hobbies: "I'm a member of the World Kuk Sool Association and am currently a blue belt. I like to play any type of sports and do wood

crafts. I'm also going to school to become an emergency medical technician."

Last book read: "Tick Tock" by Dean Koontz

One person you would most like to meet and why: "I would like to meet Chuck Norris and Sean Connery. They do great charity work."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "I see myself continuing my education and becoming a physicians assistant and an officer."

Special achievements: Bridges has had many notable events in his life, not the least of which is the birth of his son last month. But things have been pretty hectic at work, too.

He was the team chief during a 90-day deployment to Aviano AB, Italy, in support of Operation Joint Guard. While he was there, "I helped teach both the people at the flightline and back in the shop how to troubleshoot pods," Bridges said. "It was me and another senior airman. We pulled long hours and helped both shops."

Bridges also saved the Air Force \$2,000 by fixing an airborne video tape recorder.

"The AVTR had been weather damaged," he said. "I worked overtime replacing damaged parts and treating corrosion."

Bridges also volunteered to work on a date link pod system. The system was new and only one other person had any knowledge about it.

"I went through our (technical orders) and taught myself as much as I could about the system," he said. "It was a challenge."

"(Bridges) is a very aggressive maintainer," said MSgt. Norman Remchuk, element supervisor. "We know if we ask him to do something, he will do it and do it right."



Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Kim Schmidt

48th Medical Operations Squadron

Role in mission: As the 48th Medical Operations Support Flight commander, she supervises the RAF Lakenheath hospital's personal readiness program, patient records, central appointments and overseas clearances. In addition, she is responsible for addressing patient concerns as the patient advocate for the 48th Medical Group.

Hobbies: "I just had a brand new baby. He

NCO of the Year

TSgt. Donnie Hagan

48th Communications Squadron

Role in mission: As NCO in charge of the base imagery and installation security systems Hagan manages the maintenance of the electronic security systems used throughout the flightline and all photographic and graphic imagery equipment for visual information. He also manages production of special-purpose video presentations such as for the awards banquet and safety day.

Hobbies: Racquetball, running, reading, writing short stories, teaching and playing cards and pool.

Last book read: Disclosure, by Michael Chrichton

One person you would most like to meet and why: Leonardo Davinci. He's been one of my heroes since childhood.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: "There are four specific things that I can see myself doing. I will probably be working a day job in the communications industry. I will also be working nights and weekends to build my own business in custom home theaters. I also hope to

be teaching at a university and playing bass in a bar band."

Significant achievements: "First off I'm still married and it takes a special person to put up with me and the Air Force for that long," said Hagan. "My wife is wonderful and supports me in everything I do. I'm also glad I made it through Christmas morning without my kids killing me. I guess Santa was pretty good to them.."

Hagan directly contributed to the wing's superior ratings during a major inspection in 1996.

He corrected all deficiencies noted in a previous inspection and took many initiatives to ensure detection capability in weapons storage area was 100 percent, according to inspectors.

Hagan also successfully challenged a technical order procedure to replace an entire \$650 lighting assembly. Procedures now direct replacement of the \$10 light bulb. This saved the wing \$25,000 in fiscal 1996.

In all, Hagan saved the wing more than \$110,000 by challenging inefficiency when he saw it.

"Sergeant Hagan is an outstanding NCO," said Maj. Albert Zelenak, 48th CS commander.



"He's the top NCO in our squadron. He has keen foresight and works solutions before other see the problem."

takes up a lot of my time right now," said Schmidt. She also enjoys traveling on the European continent and cooking.

Last book read: "All I've been reading is baby books and children's books," said Schmidt.

One person you'd like to meet and why: Schmidt had two people she'd like to meet: Hillary Clinton and Gen. (Ret.) Colin Powell. "I'm a big admirer of (Hillary Clinton) and I'd like to hear her views on health care one-on-one," she explained. "I think she's an intelligent woman... she has a lot of good ideas." She also respects Powell for what he's achieved during his career. "I'd like to know if he plans on running for president," she said.

Significant achievements: The captain's most important and most recent achievement was the birth of her and her husband's first child, Karl.

She also was proud to have won the USAFE Young Health Care Administrator of the Year award.

"For the medical service corps, that's the biggest award you can win at the Air Force level," said Schmidt. "It was great to win for USAFE."

Another significant achievement for Lakenheath's Company Grade Officer of the Year was revamping the 48th Medical Group's

patient satisfaction program. In the past, the program was disjointed, had no evaluation baseline and no statistics available to highlight trends or potential areas of concern.

Schmidt and her flight set to work standardizing surveys throughout the hospital, providing customer service training for patient representatives in each clinic, and establishing a three-day deadline to answer customer concerns. As a result, patient complaints are down.

"We've had a 25 percent decrease in patient complaints over the last two years," said Schmidt. "In the past, the patient advocate would handle all the complaints themselves. Now I delegate it out to the various clinics and they work one-on-one to help patients in that area.

"They try to solve the problem at the first level," she said.

But despite all of these accomplishments, the flight commander is adamant about giving recognition where it's due.

"I couldn't have achieved any of these Air Force accomplishments or achievements without the support of all the people in the medical operations support flight," said Schmidt. "We're just one big team. We all pitch in to do what it takes to get the job done."

Senior NCO of the Year

SMSgt. Tom Puzzo

493rd Fighter Squadron

(earned nomination with 494th FS)

Role in mission: As chief, sortie generation flight, he's responsible for the management of 20 F-15C aircraft. He provides leadership to 180 maintenance people whose task is to provide quality maintained aircraft supporting home-station flying, exercises and contingency operations.

Hobbies: Coaching youth sports, camping, hiking, photography and computers.

Last book read: "My American Journey" by Colin Powell and "My Autobiography" by Ian Botham.

One person you would most like to meet and why: "Colin Powell, Margaret Thatcher, Cal Ripken Jr. They are all leaders in their respective fields and are outstanding role models."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years: "A retired chief master sergeant, after 30 gratifying years, teaching in a high school and coaching the school baseball team."

Significant achievements: Doing my part in leading the 494th FS to another successful year. We earned the USAFE nomination for the Maintenance Effectiveness Award for maintenance excellence. We also earned the USAFE nomination for the Air Force Association's David C. Shilling Award for demonstrating outstanding combat airpower."

Providing leadership to more than 270 maintenance airman in meeting the heavy daily flying schedules, his squadron achieved an 80 percent eight-hour fix rate which is five percent above the standard. His squadron weathered a 53 percent turn-over in flight personnel and still exceeded mission accomplishment.



Taking his skills on the road he managed what was said to be "the most successful Green Flag and WSEP deployment the wing had ever seen" according to Brig. Gen. David MacGhee, former 48th FW commander.

"It was lead by a truly outstanding senior NCO," MacGhee said.

"There are few individuals that can balance both the mission and people at the same time and do it very well. We just won the Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award small aircraft category and Sergeant Puzzo had a lot to do with that award," said Lt. Col. Evonne Griether, 494th FS maintenance officer. "He is an extremely dedicated professional. No one deserves the award more than him."

First Sergeant of the Year

SMSgt. William Thompson

48th Medical Group

Role in mission: "I represent the enlisted force and help ensure their ideas, concerns, and desires are known to the 48th Medical Group commander. I also represent the medical group commander and help open lines of communication."

Hobbies: Tae kwon do, reading, traveling and computers.

Last book read: "Executive Order" by Tom Clancy

One person you would most like to meet and why: I would love to meet Colin Powell as he epitomizes the military professional and he is a superb role model whom we all can look up to and attempt to emulate.

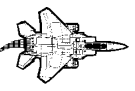
Where do you see yourself in 10 years: I will have retired from the Air Force and be starting my own small business.

Significant achievements: He was recognized by the Secretary of Defense for outstanding leadership and quality of life initiatives while serving as senior enlisted advisor and first sergeant for all Air Force people deployed to in Hungary April to August 1996. While there he identified ticks with killer diseases in the life support area. He also designed two laundry rooms and worked all the logistics to build and furnish them through self-help using excess equipment.

To improve quality of life, he had his people build two volleyball courts, two softball fields, horseshoe pits and a basketball court for the deployed area. They also developed a plan that help smooth the way for the summer Predator mission by improving the living areas for the multi-service team assigned there. The plan installed air conditioning units in the library, theater and day sleeper tents. It called for the installation of refrigerators in each tent and established a pest control program.

"MSgt. Bill Thompson epitomizes Gen. (Ronald) Fogleman's three core values," said Col. Paul Christianson, 48th Medical Group commander. "His leadership has helped instill that in the people of the 48th Medical Group. I can think of no one who would be more deserving of this award than Sergeant Thompson."





For information about chapel and off-base worship services, call the RAF Lakenheath chapel staff at Ext. 3711.

Donutland closed

Donutland is closed Wednesday - Feb. 28 for upgrades to the facility. It reopens March 1.

Life of Buddy Holly

The 48th Medical Group Auxiliary sponsors a theater trip to see "Buddy," a musical about the life of Buddy Holly. The show is 5 p.m. March 8. For more information, call (01842) 827170.

Adoption/infertility support group

The adoption/infertility support group sponsors a seminar on international adoptions from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the family support center. The guest speaker is from Romania and works with the Bethany Christian Church. For details, call Ext. 3847.

Celebration dinner

An African-American heritage celebration dinner begins at 6 p.m. Saturday in the officers' club. For tickets or more information, call SMSgt. Al Coe at Ext. 3994.

Cats neutered for free

The Cats Protection League in Bury St. Edmunds neuters cats for free in February. For more information, call Ext. 3145 or 3915.

Spring bazaar

The enlisted spouses club's spring ba-

zaar is open March 14 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. for military identification card holders only. The bazaar is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. March 15 and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 16. For more information, call (01366) 377371.

Mayfair bazaar

The RAF Mildenhall officers' wives club sponsors a meeting at 8 a.m. Monday at the Mildenhall chapel for organizations interested in operating a food or amusement booth at the Mayfair bazaar. There are 12 food booths and four amusement slots available this year. For more information, call George Andino at (01842) 827696.

Initial ethics training

The legal office offers initial ethics training from 9 - 10 a.m. March 11 in the 48th Support Group conference room, Bldg. 1165. This training is mandatory for all Department of Defense civilians beginning service. For more information, call Ext. 3553.

Baby-sitter

The American Red Cross sponsors a baby-sitting instructor course April 19 and 26 at the RAF Alconbury family services center. Participants must hold a current Red Cross instructor candidate training certificate. To register, call Ext. 1855 by March 7.

La Leche League

The RAF Lakenheath branch of the La Leche League meets at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 28 at 2 Laburnum Close, Red Lodge, Suffolk. The group offers information and support on all aspects of breast feeding. For details, call Miri Cressey at (01638) 750577.

Commemorative peace walk

People Associated for Cultural Enrichment sponsors a service and commemora-

tive peace walk Feb. 28 beginning at the chapel and ending at Freedom Park. For details, call SMSgt. Al Coe at Ext. 3994.

Student lock-in

The RAF Lakenheath Middle School Advancement Via Individual Determination group sponsors a student lock-in from 10 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday in the high school gym. Cost is \$7 per student. The event is a fund raiser for the AVID program. For more information, call (01638) 527006.

Courses offered

Troy State University offers master's degree courses in Military Strategy and Research Methods this term. Through distance education, courses in National Security Policy, East Asia in World Affairs and Theory and Ideology are also offered. Registration continues through today. For details, call Ext. 3507.

AFA elections

Elections for the new local Air Force Association chapter are at 11:30 a.m. March 4 at the officers' club. Interested people can attend. For more information or to sign up, call Lt. Col. Michael Bradley at Ext. 1842. Sign ups are taken until Thursday. People can also electronically mail Bradley at michael.bradley@lakenheath.af.mil.

Community meeting

A community information meeting open to all wing members and their families is 11 a.m. - noon Tuesday in the officers' club ballroom. Agencies including the chapel, hospital, services and AAFES present five-minute briefings on upcoming events. For more information, call Ext. 3847.

Family Support

Contact the family support center staff at Ext. 3847 for information on the following programs, or stop by Bldg. 692. All classes are held in the family support center unless otherwise noted.

Financial workshop

A mandatory financial workshop for E-4s and below is 1 - 3:30 p.m. Monday in the conference room. The briefing advises military members and their

families on personal budgeting, checking-account maintenance, debt management, dual currency and more.

Parenting toddlers

A class to prepare parents for toddlers' curiosity and independence is from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room.

Sign language

A beginner sign-language class is from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mondays until April 28 in the small class-

room. An 11-week intermediate course begins Feb. 28 and meets Fridays from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Teen life

A teen life group meets from 4 - 6:30 p.m. Monday at the youth center. The group promotes personal development and effective coping skills among teenagers and preteens.

Volunteer training

An effective-listening class for volunteers is from 1 - 4 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room. The class teaches listening skills and their effect on communication.

Spouses group

The foreign-born spouses group meets 6 - 8 p.m. Friday in the conference room. This is an educational forum for spouses who are of foreign heritage.

Second language

An English-as-a-second-language class from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays and from 6 - 9 p.m. Thursdays in the small conference room.

Gamblers support

A gamblers support group meets 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. today and Feb. 28 in the conference room.

What's on at Services

48th RAF LAKENHEATH
Combat Support & Community Service

Friday – Feb. 21

- Storytelling for adults is from noon - 1 p.m. at the library. (Ext. 3713)
- People 13 and over can skate from 7 - 11 p.m. at the skating rink. (Ext. 1627)
- A foosball tournament is from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the youth center for the youth club. (Ext. 3180)

Saturday – Feb. 22

- "Caribbean Nights" is from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Liberty Club. (Ext. 3869).
- "Mega Step Out Aerobics" and "All-Star Saturday" are at fitness and sports center all day. (Ext. 3249)
- A teen dance is from 8 - 11 p.m. at the youth center. (Ext. 3180)

Sunday – Feb. 23

- The Liberty Club features "Southern Style Cuisine" from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Ext. 3869)
- The youth traveling league basketball championships at the youth center. (Ext. 3180)
- Information, Tickets and Tours sponsors a trip to Bath. (Ext. 2979)

The art of storytelling

Professional storyteller Polly Howat is at the library today to tell folk stories and native legends about East Anglia. This program is not suitable for young children. For details, call Ext. 3713.

Outdoor Adventure program

Outdoor Adventure upcoming programs includes kayak lessons, indoor climbing, motorcycling, fishing, urban and forest paintball, orienteering, whitewater rafting and horseback riding. Call Ext. 2146 for more information.

Dart tournament at Feltwell

The RAF Feltwell Community Activities Center sponsors a blind-draw dart tournament Saturday. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 2 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Call Ext. 7022 for details.



Knights Table

Today

Lunch: scalloped ham and potatoes, simmered corned beef, baked chicken
Dinner: steak smothered with onions, roast fresh ham, tuna-noodle casserole

Saturday

Lunch: veal Parmesan, turkey-spinach delight
Dinner: Hungarian goulash, grilled Polish sausage with onions and peppers, vegetarian stuffed cabbage

Sunday

Lunch: roast veal, turkey pot pie
Dinner: vegetarian spaghetti sauce, Swedish meatballs, barbecued pork loin

Monday

Lunch: sweet-and-sour pork chops, veal paprika steaks, breaded liver with onions and mushroom gravy

Dinner: pepper steak, chili macaroni, pancit chicken

Tuesday

Lunch: sesame chicken, pork adobo, stir fry beef with broccoli
Dinner: prime beef, French fried shrimp, red beans and sausage

Wednesday

Lunch: beef brogul, sauerbraten, pork schnitzel
Dinner: roast beef, scalloped tuna-and-peas, baked chicken

Thursday

Lunch: grilled Salisbury steak, baked-and-stuffed pork chops, herbed Cornish hens
Dinner: ginger pot roast, spaghetti with meat balls, tempura fried fish

Card-and-comic fair

The community activities center sponsors a sports-card and comic-book fair from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. Cost for a table is \$10. For details, call Ext. 2221.

Play auditions

Auditions for "Little Shop of Horrors" are 5 - 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call Ext. 2221 for details.

Mardi Gras

The Liberty Club sponsors a Mardi Gras festival March 1. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission price is \$12.95 for members and \$14.95 for guests. Reserved seating is available. Call Ext. 3829 for details.

Liberty Club bingo

More than \$2,000 is given away in cash and door prizes at Liberty Club bingo every Tuesday. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7:30 p.m. For details, call Ext. 3869.

New rental items

Equipment Rentals has two new items available for rent. People can rent pressure washers with all hose attachments and electrical hookup for \$7 per day or 50-piece tool kits with wrenches, socket sets and screwdrivers for \$3 per day. For more information, call Ext. 2146.

Tickets on sale

Ticket sales begin Monday for all performances of "I Hate Hamlet" at the community activities center. Dates for performances are March 14, 15, 21, 22 and 23. Prices for evening performance are \$25 per couple or \$15 per single and include dinner. Sunday's matinee is \$6. Stop by the center to purchase tickets or call Ext. 2221 for more information.

VCR-rental special

Save \$10 on month-long VCR rentals from outdoor recreation equipment rentals. They also offer repair services on small appliances. Call Ext. 2146 for more information.

At the movies

RAF Lakenheath

Friday

7 p.m. – "Jingle All The Way" (PG) Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad. A harried father finds himself in a mad rush to find his son's No. 1 Christmas present.

9:30 p.m. – "Bad Moon" (R) Starring Mariel Heminway and Michael Pare. Bitten by a strange beast in Nepal, a man is transformed. Only his sister's dog recognizes the evil in him.

Saturday

7 p.m. – "101 Dalmatians" (G) Starring Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels and Joely Richardson. This is the live-action remake of the Disney film.

9:30 p.m. – "Michael Collins" (R) Starring Liam Neeson and Aidan Quinn. In Ireland, where national pride is a passion, Michael Collins became a legend for his devotion to his land and it's independence.

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7 p.m. – "Daylight" (PG-13) Starring Sylvester Stallone and Amy Brenneman. When an explosion seals both ends of a tunnel between Manhattan and New Jersey, a desperate group of survivors find themselves beneath the Hudson River. Stallone leads the rescue mission to bring the group to safety.

Thursday

7 p.m. – "Daylight" (PG-13)

Feb. 28

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9:30 p.m. – "Star Trek: First Contact" (PG-13) Starring Patrick Stewart and Jonathan Frakes. Captain and crew launch themselves into a new adventure aboard the Starship Enterprise. They encounter the Borg, a cybernetic life form that absorbs all other life.

RAF Mildenhall

Friday

7 p.m. – "The First Wives Club" (PG) Starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton. Three close friends, who have been divorced by their husbands in favor of younger women, concoct a plan to exact vengeance on their ex-husbands.

9:30 p.m. – "Star Trek: First Contact" (PG-13)

Saturday

7 p.m. – "The Preacher's Wife" (PG) Starring Whitney Houston and Denzel Washington. Rev. Henry Biggs, who doubts his ability to make a difference, is helped by an angel named Dudley.

9:30 p.m. – "Get On The Bus" (R) Starring Charles Dutton and Ossie Davis. Fifteen African-American men, strangers to one another, begin a journey by bus to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Louis Farrakhan's Million Man March.

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Feb. 28

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9:30 – "Daylight" (PG-13)

Teams move to championships

By Gary Webb
High school basketball coach

Lady Lancers

The Lady Blue Lancers earned a berth to the Central European Championships by beating London Central 50 - 35 in Saturday's game for third place in the U.K. Championship Tournament.

Shamika Hall scored 17 and the Aja Robinson added 10. Tiffany Smallwood scored 24 for the Bobcats.

The American School in London and Cobham were scheduled to meet in the championship game but Cobham forfeited as they couldn't field a team because most of their varsity team went on holiday after the Feb. 14 games.

The American School in London invited conference champions Lakenheath Red Lancers to an exhibition game in lieu of the title match. The American School started off strong and had Red down by 20 early but couldn't battle Red's strength inside and lost 50 - 34.

Red's final record was 11 - 2 and 10 - 0 in the conference. They lost to the American School in London and Cobham in preseason action when Lisa Webb was out with a ripped Achilles tendon. Her cast was removed the week conference play started and Red hasn't lost since. They beat both teams in conference play.

All Conference awards were presented to Hall from Blue and to Keara Keller, Nicole Brown and Webb from Red. Aja Robinson from Blue made Honorable Mention. Hall and Robinson were selected All Tournament. The Red girls weren't eligible for All Tournament because the game vs. the American School in London was an exhibition.

Boy Lancers

The Boy Red Lancers were seeded No. 1 and didn't disappoint the large turnout at the base gym. They started by

beating the London Central Bobcats 67 - 48 in the conference semifinal Feb. 14.

Almost all of the team played in the contest. Senior Detrick Bush led the Lancers with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Otis Anderson, a junior, had 17 points, eight rebounds, three blocks, and two back-to-back dunks that really brought the crowd to it's feet. Anderson, a dorm resident, was inspired as his parents were there to watch. This was the first game his parents were able to attend this season.

"Red is truly blessed with the support from the boys' parents," said Red Lancer coach Jim Garvey. "Many of the parents even make the away games. We've had a terrific season and I believe the parents are a big part of our success. We couldn't do it without their support. Just look at Otis today. He played fantastic!"

Chris Mazowieski, known as Majic, chipped in 12 points and shut down the Bobcat point guard JP Catrall. Point guard Gary Webb hit for six points and seven assists. Freshman DeShawn Campbell provided immediate firepower with seven points.

The Red Lancers then met Cobham in the United Kingdom tournament finals Saturday. The Cobham boys fielded seven players as most of the team had left. Two of their starting varsity team stayed to play, Scott Cosgrove and his brother Chris. Scott averages more than 40 points per game and scored 47 to beat Red in overtime in their previous game.

Red wasn't about to let history repeat itself and exploded for 24 points in the first quarter. They never looked back in an 87 - 62 victory.

Bush led his team with 24 points, 13 rebounds, four assists, and three steals. Anderson had 20 points and 12 rebounds. Richard Weikart, a senior, had 14 and Majic had 12. Webb had four assists and four steals. Freshman DeShawn Campbell added another eight



Photo by A1C Robert H. Gerlach

Chris Mazowieski (43) and Richard Wykart go for the rebound against Cobham's No. 20 as Detrick Bush looks on.

points. All the players made a contribution in the final game and a crowd favorite TJ Roman received a standing ovation when he entered the game.

Receiving All Conference awards were Bush and Majic from Red and Joshua Johnson and Will Young from Blue. All Conference Honorable Mention was awarded to Delonte Deeton from Blue. All Tournament awards went to Anderson and Bush from Red and Young from Blue.

"I believe the conference should have an All Defensive Team," said Red Lancer coach Dexter Mitchell. "All good coaches know that free throws

win games and defense wins championships. Majic, Webb, and Bush give us that defense.

"We win the hustle battle every game because of these three. I put Webb or Majic on the other teams best players and we shut them down. If there was an All-Defense conference team, these three and Chris "Smoky" Hale from Blue would be on it. In addition, I don't know who picked the refs but they did an awesome job."

The Red teams left Tuesday for an all night bus ride to Mannheim, Germany, with the Blue girls team.

Lakenheath finally has a chance to win it all.

3rd Air Force rugby handed 1-point loss

In the past few weeks, the 3rd Air Force Rugby team has played in games that have ended with thin margins of victory. Feb. 8's game was the thinnest yet.

The game had no sooner started when the visiting team, Rayleigh, burst through the weak Air Force defense, scored their first try and made the conversion attempt. With the opening whistle still fresh in their ears, the Air Force team prepared to restart play and tried to change the attitude that the game had quickly taken.

Within minutes, the Air Force team forced their way deep into the Rayleigh end of the field and desperately pushed forward. With attempts from both loose and penalty play, the Air Force team could not get the ball down inside the try zone.

The Rayleigh defense was stiff and the Air Force offense was pounding. Many minutes went by without much result.

Finally, a penalty play from five meters out saw 3rd AF Anton Peterson punch the ball right up to the goal line and make a quick pass to offer Tony Ramirez for an easy score, which was converted.

The momentum of the game had shifted since Rayleigh's opening score. They didn't threaten the Air Force goal line for the rest of the half. With time running low in the half, Brent Noisette made a stunning open-field run that broke several tackle attempts and ended with a surge at the goal line that carried both Noisette and a would-be tackler across the line for the try.

Once again 3rd AF kicker/scrum-half Alan Larnach converted the try and gave his team a 14 - 7 lead that carried into the half.

After half time, things were pretty much the same. The 3rd AF team continued to run roughshod over the opposition and the game emotions began to get a little heated. With about 10 minutes left to play, the 3rd AF team seemed to lose favor with the otherwise liberal referee and things changed for the worse.

On one of many penalties, the Rayleigh team decided to go for points and their kicker accurately scored them to take the score to 14 - 10. A series of calls, led to the Rayleigh team forcing their way deep into the Air Force end of the field. With the 3rd AF players thoroughly frustrated and confused, the Rayleigh team scored a try in the corner. Because of the difficult angle, the Rayleigh team failed to convert. With a score of 15 - 14, both teams intensely battled for control of the game to try and put it away.

With just moments left in the game the 3rd AF team took a weak kick from a Rayleigh player and forced it deep into the Rayleigh end. An off-sides player, forced into action, committed an illegal tackle just short of the try zone.

Because of the penalty, the 3rd AF team was afforded a chance to kick for three points before the final whistle blew. Larnach calmly set up the kick and tried to line up a tough angle, but the kick ended up sailing just left of the posts.

The final whistle left the dejected Air Force players feeling the sting of a one-point loss.



Photo by SrA. Jeff Capenos

3 - 2 - 1, Blast Off!

Kevin Moffitt, Dental, reaches for the net against a 492nd Fighter Squadron team member during Tuesday night playoff action. Dental whipped the 492nd 76 - 46.

Sports Shorts

'Step Out'

The fitness and sports center sponsors "Step Out," a two-hour step aerobic class. The class is 10 a.m. - noon Saturday and is open to all identification card holders. For more information, call Lorraine Botwright at Ext. 3607.

Skating lesson coming

Registration for skating lesson begins today through March 16 at the skating rink. For details and price information, call Ext. 1627.

Basketball all-star day

The fitness and sports center sponsors an intramural-basketball all-star day Saturday.

The day includes the intramural championship game and the over 30's championship game. For details, call Ext. 2391.

Aero club

The aero club offers a private pilot ground school course beginning Tuesday. The course is 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$200 or \$50 with tuition assistance. Call Ext. 3152 for details.

Coaches certification clinic

The youth center sports program sponsors a coaches certification clinic at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and March 3. All coaches must attend.

For more information, call Ext. 3180.

Varsity coaches selection

The fitness and sports center needs varsity coaches for men's and women's softball, volleyball, soccer and track-and-field. Individuals can complete an application at the center. Call SSgt. Chris Rogers at Ext. 3607 for more information.

Liberty Lanes' 30-game offer

Liberty Lanes offers a "Winter Wonderful" 30-game punch card for \$25. The cards are valid until March 31 and may be used any time. Call Ext. 2108 for details.